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SUBJ: KHMER NEWSPAPER ACCUSES U.S. OF ABANDONING GKR

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF MARCH 16
EDITORIAL COMMENTARY IN POPULAR VERNACULAR DAILY:

BEGIN TRANSLATION

WHEN THE AMERICANS WERE BOGGED DOWN IN VIETNAM, AID TO THE
KHMER REPUBLIC WAS NOT A PROBLEM. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S
INSISTENCE ON AIDING THE KHMER WAS AS MUCH TO AID THE AMERICANS
THEMSELVES IN WITHDRAWING FROM THE VIETNAM WAR. BUT, NOW
WITH THE AMERICANS OUT OF VIETNAM, THERE ARE OBSTACLES TO AID
FOR THE KHMER REPUBLIC. WE HAND, HOWEVER, BELIEVED THAT NO
MATTER WHAT, WE WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN FOR OUR CONTRIBUTION
TO THE (AMERICAN) RETREAT. BUT ONCE HAVING SAFELY ARRIVED BACK
IN PORT, THEY WANT TO TURN THEIR BACK ON US. END TRANSLATION.

2. COMMENT: THIS KIND OF COMMENT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE
NOTICEABLE AS PROSPECTS FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO
THE KHMER APPEAR TO DECLINE.

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